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PUBLIC CREOSOTING COMPANY

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H. R. Horner

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DISPOSAL OF PLANT WASTE

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Shortly after Mr. Mitchell and the writer were in Minneapolis early this Spring, Mr. Mitchell wrote you on the operation of the 10,000-12,000 digestion tank for the removal of phenols from our sodium sulfate solution, water from the distillation of tar, and water from the distillation of crude acids. Upon my return trip to Minneapolis I found that you had installed the 10,000-12,000 gallon digester but had not had an opportunity to place it in operation. No doubt you have been using this tank and have some results on the efficiency of the equipment. Mr. Mitchell specified that you use a vertical retort neutral oil to remove the phenol from the water. According to my recollection we discussed the possibility of using a neutral oil from high temperature tar as well and no doubt you have tried both of these materials. We are faced with a similar problem at our Fairmont plant, and therefore, I would like to have as many results as you have available on the efficiency of this digester tank in extracting the phenols from water. We would also like to have a sample of water prior to extraction and a sample of the water after it has been extracted.

Very truly yours,



HRH:D
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